

**CITY OF MILPITAS
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Minutes:	Senior Advisory Commission
Date of Meeting:	August 23, 2005
Place of Meeting:	Milpitas City Hall, Committee Meeting Room

A. CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE

Chairperson Weisgerber called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

B. ROLL CALL

Commissioners Present: Denny Weisgerber, Mary Banick, William "Ed" Connor (arrived 1:50 pm) at Bal Daquigan, Amanda Santos, Albert Wang and Joanne Wood, Joyce Dovlet

Commissioners Absent: None

Alternates Absent: Barbara Ebright and Kathryn Manento

Council Liaison: Debbie Giordano (arrived 1:40 pm)

Staff Present: Lynette Wilson, Recreation Program Coordinator
Jennifer Tagalog, Recreation Services Supervisor
Felix Reliford, Housing & Neighborhood Preservation Manager
Mark Rogge, Principle Engineer

C. SEATING OF ALTERNATES:

D. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: To adopt the Agenda.
M/S: Daquigan/Wang. Ayes: Unanimous.

E. MINUTES

MOTION: To approve the Minutes of the June 28, 2005, Senior Advisory Commission meeting.
M/S: Wood/Banick. Ayes: Unanimous.

F. FINANCIAL REPORT

Recreation Program Coordinator Wilson reported that there were no changes to the Commission's account.

G. CITIZEN FORUM

None

H. ANNOUNCEMENTS/ CORRESPONDENCE

Recreation Coordinator Wilson introduced Jennifer Tagalog as the new acting Senior Center Recreation Supervisor. She also reminded the Commission that renewal of their Senior Center Activity Card was due. Ms. Wilson reviewed the items listed in the agenda.

Acting Police Chief Thomas Nishisaka distributed information to the Commission concerning Senior Citizen Safety, focusing on frauds and how senior citizens can avoid being targeted.

I. OLD BUSINESS

1. Election of New Officers

Recreation Program Coordinator Wilson informed the Commission that this item was reagendaized because at the Senior Advisory Commission meeting on May 3, 2005, a non-seated commissioner made the motion for the current officers to retain their positions for another year.

Commissioner Weisgerber called for nominations for the Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer positions.

Motion: To re-elect current officers in the positions they currently hold.

M/S: Banick/Santos. Ayes: Unanimous.

Commissioner Weisgerber remains as Chair, Commissioner Daquigan remains as Vice Chair, and Commissioner Wang remains as Treasurer, through February 2006.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed Senior Housing Project

Felix Reliford, Housing & Neighborhood Preservation Manager, presented to the Commission. The proposed Senior Housing Project taking place at the DeVries/Dr. Smith House site. The proposed site location is on Main Street, across from the former Senior Center. Adjacent to this project, Santa Clara County will build a County Health Care facility. The current house will be relocated closer to the street to allow room for the additional 100 unit 4-story facility. The facility's units will include 1 and 2 bedroom units and studio units, ranging in size of 460-870 sq. ft. There will also be three units built on the second floor of the DeVries house, when renovated. Rents will be 25-30% of the area's medium income. The City of Milpitas has been in negotiations with Mid Peninsula Housing Coalition (Foster City), and executed a contract at the August 16, 2005, City Council meeting, to go forward with the project. The cost of the project is currently at \$30 million, which includes \$1.6 million for the renovation and relocation of the DeVries house, and \$3.9 million for street and infrastructure improvements. Funding for the project has been identified as \$14 million from Mid Peninsula Housing Coalition (mostly low-income tax credits from the State of California), \$9.6 million from Milpitas' Redevelopment Agency, \$5 million from the development agreement for affordable housing with KB Homes; and \$1 million from Santa Clara County. The housing project will be named "DeVries Place" when finished.

Councilmember Giordano recognized Felix Reliford for his work on the Senior Housing Project.

2. New Senior Center Progress Report

Mark Rogge, Principle Engineer, presented information to the Commission on the status of the new Senior Center. Mr. Rogge informed the Commission that the new Senior Center will be located where the current library is and its purpose will be to provide an excellent facility for recreation, nutrition, learning, counseling and well-being for seniors (an "active lifestyle center" / "continuing lifestyle center"). Some of the building's goals are for it to be flexible for future needs, provide for evening programs and outdoor events, and to be a "green" building (environmentally efficient). He also mentioned the City's Facility Naming Subcommittee decided to name it the "Barbara Lee Milpitas Senior Center."

Mr. Rogge continued to inform the Commission that the project is currently in the design development phase. The Request for Proposal (RFP) for Design is scheduled for September 2005, and selection of architect in November 2005. It is expected to begin construction in late-2006 and finish in mid-2008. Early construction to the kitchen area might be possible before the library moves out if no impact to the library's operations were to take place.

Programming, nutrition program needs, entrance and reception areas, staff area and storage for the facility will be factored into the design of the facility. It will also have fully automated doors and amenities, assisted hearing devices and meet ADA guidelines. The architect will look at the most efficient use of the facility for program and participation use. Mr. Rogge stated that the current Needs Assessment indicated that the need for the new facility is approximately 21,300 sq ft.

Commissioner Weisgerber asked if the renovation of the amphitheater would be included in the project. Mr. Rogge responded there might be modifications made to the Veterans Park and possibly the parking lot. Ways of alleviating the parking congestion will also be looked at.

Art Swanson, member of the audience, stated he wants to have a full fledged kitchen. Mr. Rogge stated there would be a full fledged kitchen, but it is unknown at this point if it will be a "cook-on-site" kitchen or a "catering kitchen". The architect will factor the two options in and City Council will make the decision.

Commissioner Conner indicated that the overall facility layout of the Civic Center should be looked at because there will be two kitchens in the same area (Community Center and Senior Center). Mr. Rogge responded that the Senior Center would be built as a Senior Center with as much adaptation as possible. The kitchen area would serve the Senior Center and possibly the other facilities in the Civic Center. The Community Center's kitchen doesn't meet food service requirements.

Commissioner Connor stated Santa Clara's new Senior Center should be the benchmark of senior centers in the area.

Councilmember Giordano indicated that the Senior Center Project Subcommittee has mentioned it would like to visit the Santa Clara Senior Center on one of its site visits.

3. 2006 Senior Advisory Commission Meeting Dates

Program Coordinator Wilson informed the Commission that staff was preparing to publish dates of regularly scheduled City meetings to be held in 2006. In review of the Senior Advisory Commission dates of 2006, she noticed a conflict of December 26, 2006, as a City holiday. Ms. Wilson asked the Commission their preference of changing the meeting to earlier in December or later in January.

Motion: To change the December 26, 2006, meeting to December 19, 2006.

M/S: Weisgerber/Banick. Ayes: Unanimous.

K. OTHER BUSINESS

1. STAFF REPORTS

1.1 Recreation Services

Program Coordinator Wilson read the report as noted on page 2 of the agenda.

1.2 Senior Center Nutrition

Roseann Costabile, Nutrition Site Manager, read the report as noted on page 3 of the agenda and indicated that "riders" should be changed to "rides". She informed the Commission the average number of lunches being served is actually 78 per day. She added that the food quality has improved since the caterer hired a new general manager.

Ms. Costabile also informed the Commission of the Senior Forum she and Commissioners Banick and Ebright attended on August 1, 2005, at the Santa Clara Convention Center. The Forum focused on Senior Financial Exploitation. Workshops were on the topics of scams, home-improvement scams, construction and improvement scams and contests/raffle scams, all of which seniors are vulnerable to.

2. LIAISON REPORTS

2.1 a City Council

Councilmember Giordano reported on the following City Council actions:

1. Adopted final version of ordinance for water/sewer rates.
2. Adopted Ordinance establishing 45-Day Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Dispensaries.
3. Approved Art Piece for Starlite Park.
4. Establishment of Open Government Subcommittee.
5. Approved Fairfield development in Midtown area for 481 condominiums.
6. Approved a cost recovery program, for developers to share in cost of preparation of transit area specific plan.
7. Approved affordable senior housing project on Main Street (near Library) with the preservation of the DeVries home.

Commissioner Daquigan asked about the new location of the Farmer's Market. Councilmember Giordano replied that the Serra Center is the target area, but had not been finalized.

2.2 Council on Aging Advisory Commission

No Report

2.3 AARP

Commissioner Banick reported that AARP has not had any meetings during the summer. A speaker is being lined up for the September meeting.

Commissioner Banick also reported the Senior Forum provided a very nice box lunch with good presentations and speakers.

2.4 Arts Commission

No report

2.5 Recreation and Cultural Resources Commission

No report

3. Future Agenda Items

L. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 2:48 pm. The next meeting is scheduled October 25, 2005, at 1:30 pm, in the City Hall Committee Meeting Room.

Respectfully submitted,
Lynette Wilson, Commission Secretary